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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114

Dear Sir:

The following amendments and remarks below are respectfully submitted in response to the Office Action dated January 20, 2006, and after the Notice of Appeal filed on May 22, 2006.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.